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SUBJECT: MAREV PRESS GUIDANCE

FOLLOWING IS OUR CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE SHOULD
QUESTIONS ARISE REGARDING WASHINGTON STAR 5/16 FRONT-
PAGE STORY ON MAREVS (CARRIED IN WIRELESS FILE). NO
QUESTIONS WERE ASKED AT 5/17 NOON BRIEFING:

Q: WHAT IS THE DEPARTMENT DOING TO ASSIST THE MAREVS IN
THEIR ATTEMPTS TO GET THEIR DAUGHTERS OUT OF BULGARIA?

A: WE HAVE TAKEN NUMEROUS STEPS TO HAVE THE CASE
FAVORABLY RESOLVED. IN OCTOBER 1973 OUR EMBASSY IN
SOFIA PRESENTED A DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO THE BULGARIAN
FOREIGN MINISTRY ON THE CASE. LATER, THE MAREV CASE WAS
INCLUDED IN OUR FAMILY REUNIFICATION LISTS PRESENTED TO
THE BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES AT REGULAR INTERVALS. WE
ASSISTED THE MAREVS IN PREPARING BULGARIAN AND U-S.
DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR THEIR DAUGHTERS' EMIGRATION
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APPLICATION. WHEN THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT TURNED DOWN
THEIR MOST RECENT APPLICATIONS IN 1976, WE AGAIN RAISED
THE CASE WITH THEIR AUTHORITIES BOTH HERE AND IN SOFIA.
SINCE THEN, WE HAVE CONTINUED TO TAKE EVERY APPROPRIATE

OPPORTUNITY TO URGE THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT TO ALLOW
THE CHILDREN TO EMIGRATE.

Q: WHAT IS THE NATURE OF THE UPCOMING COURT ACTION
ON THE CHILDREN?

A: WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE VARNA PEOPLES COURT ISSUED
A SUMMONS FOR THE MAREVS TO APPEAR AT A HEARING TO
DETERMINE WHETHER THEY SHOULD MAINTAIN THEIR PARENTAL
RIGHTS. THE MAREVS DID NOT RECEIVE THE SUMMONS, AND
WE INFORMED THEM OF IT WHEN WE LEARNED OF ITS PUBLICA-
TION IN THE OFFICIAL BULGARIAN GAZETTE. OUR EMBASSY
IN SOFIA LEARNED THAT THE MAREVS SHOULD SEND A
DEPOSITION STATING THEIR SIDE OF THE CASE TO THE COURT,
AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT THEY WILL DO SO VIA WESTERN
UNION TODAY (MAY 17). CHRISTOPHER

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